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TAGS: ENRG CIEC

SUBJ: FAHMY AND CIEC MINISTERIAL MEETING

REF: (A) STATE 119118, (B) CAIRO 8772

1. FOR PAST WEEK HAVE BEEN TRYING GET FIRM ANSWER WHETHER OR NOT FAHMY WILL ATTEND CIEC MINISTERIAL. MFA REPLIES HAVE BEEN EQUIVOCAL. LATE LAST NIGHT FAHMY TELEPHONED ME FROM ALEXANDRIA TO ASK, AS HE PUT IT, WHETHER THERE WAS ANYTHING NEW. THIS GAVE ME AN OPPORTUNITY TO TELL HIM THAT TIME HAS TENTATIVELY BEEN BLOCKED OFF ON THE SECRETARY'S SCHEDULE FOR MAY 30 FOR A MEETING WITH FAHMY AND WE NEEDED TO KNOW WHETHER HE WILL IN FACT BE IN PARIS.

2. FAHMY SAID HE DOES NOT AT PRESENT PLAN TO GO TO PARIS FOR CIEC MEETING. HE SAW NO POINT TO SUCH A TRIP. AS HE PUT IT, MANY FONMINS ARE NOT GOING. WHEN I INDICATED OUR UNDERSTANDING THAT MOST FONMINS WILL, HE CLAIMED GOE INFORMATION IS DIFFERENT. EGYPTIAN AMBASSADOR TO FRANCE, HAFIZ ISMAIL, WILL REPRESENT EGYPT-- "AT LEAST FOR NOW."

3. ACCORDING TO FAHMY, GENSCHER HAD SENT HIM A  
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MESSAGE INDICATING THE FRG FONMIN WOULD BE IN PARIS ON MAY 31, ALTHOUGH NOT TO ATTEND CIEC. GENSCHER INDICATED THAT IF FAHMY IS ALSO IN PARIS, A MEETING MIGHT BE DESIRABLE. FAHMY HAD SENT BACK WORD THAT HE WAS NOT AT PRESENT PLANNING TO COME TO PARIS. SHOULD HE CHANGE HIS MIND, THEY MIGHT MEET.

4. FAHMY THEN SAID THAT HE WOULD BE PLEASED TO MEET WITH SECRETARY VANCE IF WE REALLY HAVE SOMETHING CONCRETE TO CONVEY. HE SAW NO NEED FOR TRIP IF IT SOLELY TO REPORT ON TALKS WITH VARIOUS ARAB LEADERS. GOE IS ALREADY RECEIVING REPORTS FROM US AND FROM THE LEADERS THEMSELVES ABOUT THEIR TALKS. HE WOULD OF COURSE LIKE TO SEE THE SECRETARY FOR REASONS OF FRIENDSHIP, BUT HE DOUBTS THAT WE LIKELY TO HAVE ANY CONCRETE IDEAS UNTIL AFTER BEGIN VISITS THE US. PERHAPS THEREAFTER HE COULD MEET WITH THE SECRETARY EITHER "SOMEWHERE IN EUROPE OR ANYWHERE."

5. COMMENT: AS REPORTED REF B, FAHMY DOES NOT WANT TO MAKE TWO TRIPS TO EUROPE IN TEN DAYS UNLESS THERE IS SOME SPECIAL PURPOSE. WHILE HE WOULD LIKE TO MEET WITH THE SECRETARY, HE DOUBTS THAT WE ARE FAR ENOUGH ALONG TO BE ABLE TO SAY ANYTHING SPECIFIC. IF THIS IS WRONG, HE WOULD CHANGE HIS MIND. HE INSISTS EGYPTIAN REPORTS SUGGEST RELATIVELY FEW FONMINS WILL BE AT CIEC; HENCE, HIS OWN ATTENDANCE THERE IS NOT WARRANTED. SAME TIME, WHILE INCREASINGLY LEANING TOWARDS NON-ATTENDANCE, HE IS LEAVING HIS OPTIONS OPEN IN CASE SOME LAST MINUTE DEVELOPMENT MAKES A TRIP TO PARIS DESIRABLE.  
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